

OPINION 2265 (Case 3483)***Villanyia Kretzoi*, 1956 (Mammalia, Rodentia, ARVICOLIDAE): usage conserved by designation of a neotype for the type species *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956**

Abstract. All type fixations for a species of extinct vole *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 prior to that by Terzea (1991) have been set aside in order to conserve prevailing usage.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Mammalia; Rodentia; ARVICOLIDAE; *Villanyia*; *Villanyia exilis*; Europe; Pleistocene; Pliocene; voles; biostratigraphy.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that all previous type fixations for *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 are set aside and the specimen GIH V-12702 VT95#2, Museum of the Hungarian Geological Survey (MAFI), Budapest is hereby designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *Villanyia* Kretzoi, 1956 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *exilis* Kretzoi, 1956, as published in the binomen *Villanyia exilis* (specific name of the type species of *Villanyia* Kretzoi, 1956), as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *ultima* Rabeder, 1981, as published in the binomen *Cseria ultima* (a junior objective synonym of *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956, as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above), is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3483

An application to set aside all type fixations for a species of extinct vole *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 prior to that by Terzea (1991) in order to conserve prevailing usage was received from D.F. Mayhew (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum Naturalis, Leiden, The Netherlands*) on 26 November 2008. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 66: 159–163 (June 2009). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 June 2010 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 66: 162 (June 2009). At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2010 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 23: Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 0.

Kojima ABSTAINED. Alonso-Zarazaga, Kottelat, Patterson and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Kojima, who ABSTAINED, commented that he felt the proposals to conserve usage of *Villanyia* should be approved. However, he felt that this would have been better done by setting aside the previous lectotype (and paralectotype) designations and by designating the specimen GIH V-12702 VT95#2 as the lectotype, rather than by setting aside all previous type fixations for *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 (including original 'designation' of syntypes).

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

exilis, *Villanyia*, Kretzoi, 1956, *Geologica Hungarica, series Paleontologica*, **27**: 188.

ultima, *Cseria*, Rabeder, 1981, *Beiträge zur Paläontologie von Österreich*, **8**: 63–64.

Villanyia Kretzoi, 1956, *Geologica Hungarica, series Paleontologica*, **27**: 188.